

Eula Bivins

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Home Going Service
for
Sister Eula Bivins



Friday October 5, 2001
11:00 A.M.

Mt. Teman A.M.E. Church
160 Madison Avenue
Elizabeth, New Jersey



Reverend Larry E. Dixon, Pastor

1915 - 2001

HOW DO YOU LIVE YOUR DASH?

I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on her tombstone
From the beginning...to the end.
He noted that first came her date of birth
And spoke the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all
Was the dash between those years .

For the dash represents all the time
That she spent alive on earth...
And now only those who loved her
Know what that little line is worth.
For it matters not, how much we own;
The cars...the house...the cash,
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard...
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left,
That can still be rearranged.
If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real,
And always try to understand
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before
If we treat each other with respect,
And more often wear a smile...
Remembering that this special dash
Might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read
With your life's actions to rehash...
Would you be proud of the things they say
About how you spent your dash?



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Obituary

1915 **Eula Bivins** 2001

A Time To Be Born: On January 22, 1915 Eula Mercer was born to the late Manson and Idella Mercer in Metter, Georgia.

Work To Show Thyself Approved: Eula was a faithful employee of Plaza Nursing Home where she worked for 20 years as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She retired in the early 90s.

A Time To Love: Eula Mercer married to Samuel Bivins in 1933. Through the years they shared in the wonderful bond of marriage.

A Time To Die: Eula Bivins entered into rest on September 30, 2001 at her home in Colonia, New Jersey. Rest In Peace Eula.

A Time To Serve: Sister Eula Bivins was a member of Mt. Teman AME Church and served as a Willing Worker and as a member of the Trustee Aid Board #2.

A Time To Mourn: Eula leaves to mourn her husband Samuel Bivins of Colonia, NJ. Three sisters Ms. Alma Donaldson of Portal, Georgia; Mrs. Thelma Byrd of Metter, Georgia and Mrs. Precious Campbell of Pompano Beach, Florida. She also leaves a host of other loving relatives and good friends.

Acknowledgment

We the family of Eula Bivins thank you for the love and concern expressed during this very difficult time.

We love you and may God bless you.

Order of Service

The Organ Prelude

The Processional
Ministers and Family

The Hymn of Comfort #483
"When I Can Read My Title Clear"

The Prayer of Comfort

The Consoling Word
Old Testament - Psalm 90:1-12
New Testament - John 14:1-7

The Hymn of Assurance #511
"Sing The Wondrous Love of Jesus"

The Acknowledgment & Condolences

The Obituary
...(soft music) ...
Read Silently

The Sermon Hymn # 393
"Precious Lord"

The Word of Victory
"Going Home"
The Rev. Dr. Larry E. Dixon, Pastor

The Recessional
"I'll Fly Away"

Interment
Rosedale Cemetery, Linden

Please join the family for repast at the church following Interment.

Please set pagers and cell phones on silent mode during services